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A Proclamation for adiournment of parte of Michaelmas Terme. 1581.



As much as the Queenes Maiestie our soueraigne Lady is credibly informed, that the infection of the plague is at this present in sundry places, in and about the Citie of London, and in other places neere adioyning to y<sup>e</sup> same: whereas by the continuance thereof, through the greater repaire and resoyt of her louing subiects, great perill and danger might not onely ensue vnto her most royall person, but also to her most louing subiects repairing thither for their suites and causes, and thereby also giue occasion of dispersing of the same into other partes of the Realme, her Maiestie for the said necessarie considerations, and hoping that the same will by the goodnes of Almighty God, with the coldnes of the yere, and such wholesome orders as are taken in her said Citie, the rather cease by the adiournment of part of this next terme of Saint Michael now at hand from the Vras of the same, vntill the fourth returne of the saide Terme, called Mensis Michaelis next comming: Her Maiestie therefore at her especial fauour & clemencie, is pleased & contented to adioyne the saide Terme of Saint Michael, That is to say from the vras thereof vnto the said fourth retourne of the said Terme, called Mensis Michaelis next comming, which her Maiestie signifieth to all & singular her louing subiects of this her Realme, to thintent that they and euery of them, which hath cause or commandement to appeare in any of her Highnes Courtes at Westminster, in or at any daye or time from & after the saide vras of Saint Michael, may tarrye at their dwellinges, or where their busines otherwise shall be, without resorting to any of the saide Courtes for that cause before Mensis Michaelis next comming, and that without daunger of forfeiture, penaltie, or contempt to incurre towards her Highnes in that behalfe. And neuertheless her Maiesties pleasure is, that two of her Iustices, that is say, of either Benche one, shall the first day of Michaelmas Terme, called Octabis Michaelis, according to the auncient order of her Lawes, keepe the Essoynes of the saide Octabis Michaelis, at which vras of Saint Michael, writtes of Adioynement shalbe directed to the said Iustices, giuing them authoritie to adioyne the sayde Terme of Saint Michael, That is to say, from the vras thereof vntill Mensis Michaelis, as before is said. And the saide adiournment shalbe made in the first day of the saide vras, commonly called the daye of the Essoynes. And further her Maiesties pleasure is, that all matters, causes & suites, depending in any of her other Courtes, betweene partie & partie, as in her Highnes Courtes of Chauncerie, Starre Chamber & Exchequer, Courtes of Wardes & Lyueries, Duchie of Lancaster & Courtes of Requestes shall haue continuance, & the parties shall haue daye from the date of these presentes vntill Mensis Michaelis, as before is saide.

Provided alway, and her Maiesties pleasure & commandement is, that all Collectors, Receiuers, Sheriffes & other Accomptants, and all other persons that shoulde or ought to accompte or pay any somme or sommes of money, in any of her Maiesties Court of Exchequer, Courte of Wardes & Lyueries, or of her Duchie of Lancaster, or in any of them, or to enter into any accompt in any of the sayde Courts, shall repaire into the accustomed places at Westminster, where her Highnes hath appointed such Officers & Ministers, as for that purpose her Maiestie hath thought expedient, and there to paye & doe in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of Adiournment had bene had or made. And her Highnesse further pleasure & commandement is, that all Sheriffes shall returne their writtes & processe agaynst all such Accomptants & detters at the dayes therein appointed. And if any person, or persons, who ought to accompt or pay any somme or sommes of money to her Maiestie in any y<sup>e</sup> Courtes and places aforesaide, do make default therein, That then her Highnes writtes and processe shalbe awarded, and sent forth against euery such person and persons, and the same to be duely and orderly serued and returned by the Sheriffes and Officers thereunto appointed, in such like maner and forme as the same should haue bene, if this present Proclamation had not bene made. And if any Sheriffe or other Officer shall make default or be negligent in seruing, executing and returning of any the writtes & processe aforesaid: That then euery such Sheriffe and other Officer shall incurre such paynes and penalties, as by the saide Courts, or any of them shalbe taxed & assessed: willing and commanding all & euery her Maiesties Sheriffes, Officers, Ministers and subiects, to whome it doth or shall appertaine, to obserue and keepe their assemblies & apparances, with all their Retornes & certificates, in her highnes sayd Courtes at Westminster, in Mensis Michaelis next comming, then and there to be holden and kept, and there to do their offices and duties in euery behalfe, in like maner and forme as they should or ought to haue done, if this present Proclamation had not bene had or made, as they will answere to the contrary at their perils.

Given at our Mannor of Grenewich, the xxi. day of September, in the twentieth three yere of our raigne.

God saue the Queene.

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